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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2005 and 17 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-40 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 41-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2, 12, 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Verdon et al., U. S., Patent 4,980,982.

3. Verdon teaches a rectangular frame including a front transparent panel 10 and a rear panel 36 spaced from the front panel, wherein the front and rear panels define a space therebetween for receiving an object to be displayed. The front panel 10 has a substantially planar portion and retaining members 26 formed along four edges of the front panel, wherein each of the retaining members includes an extension portion 28 extending rearward relative to the substantially planar portion and an inwardly projecting ridge 30 formed on an inward surface of the extension portion. Verdon also teaches a rear panel 36 being arranged to fit snugly between the ridges and a rear surface of the front panel.

4. In addition, Vogele teaches a first corner retaining member 22/24 along a lateral side edge of the front panel extending to edge of a longitudinal edge and a second central retaining member spaced from the first retaining member to define an access opening between the retaining members in which the rear panel is visible.

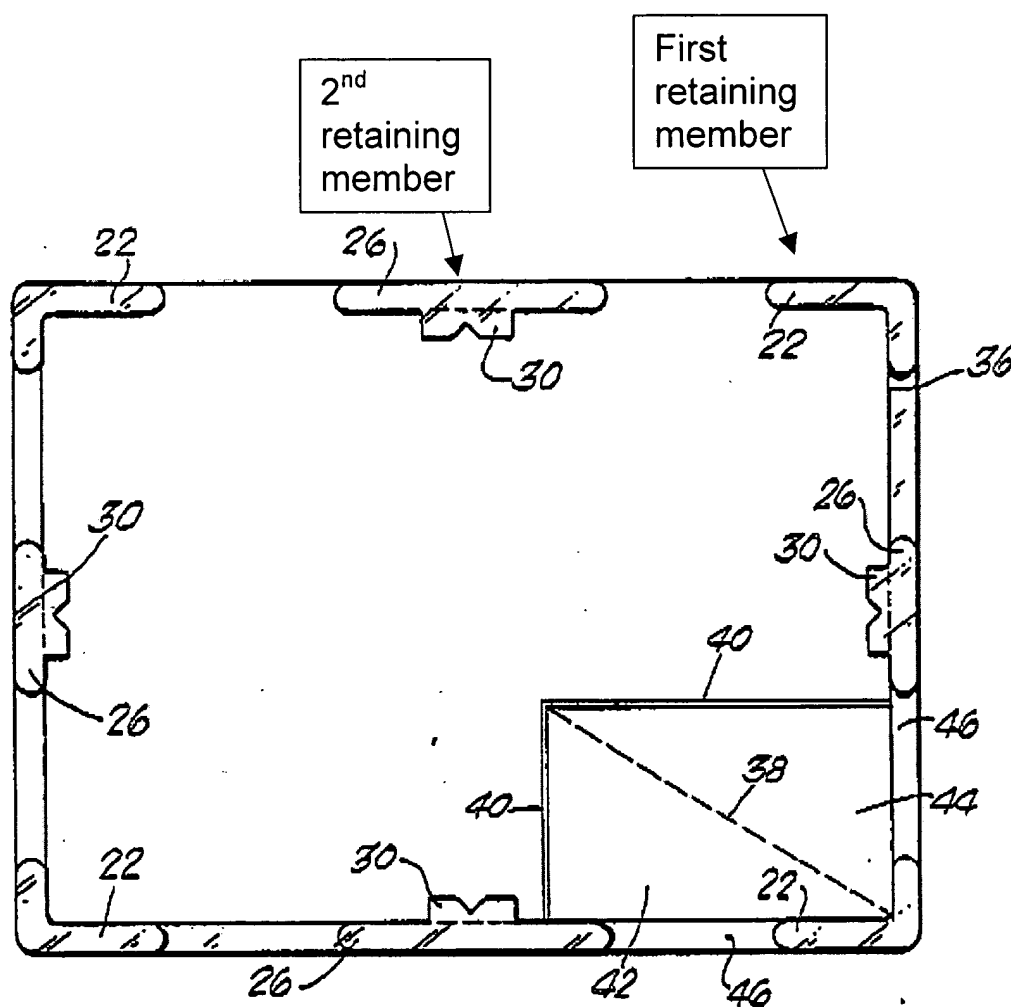


Fig. 6.

5. With respect to claim 7, Verdon teaches stand comprising a foldable panels 42 and 44. See figure 6.

6. With respect to claim 7, Vogeles teaches block B for supporting the frame on a horizontal surface. See column 4, lines 45-50 and figure 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 8-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verdon in view of Field, U. S. Patent 4,594,802. Vogeles teaches the limitation of the claimed invention except the support comprising a base and a channel to receive the edge portion of the frame. Field teaches a display device comprising a front and rear frame member and a support member 26. The support member has base 26, vertical parallel walls 60 and 62 defining a channel 64 adapted to receive the lower edge portion of the frame. See figure 8.

9. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time this invention was made to construct the frame taught by Verdon

with the support taught by Field to provide a means to removably secure the frame to the support.

10. With respect to claim 11 and 13, the support includes a trapezoidal recess portion at the lower portion of the channel for receiving the enlarged flange 65 and 66 of the lower edge of the frame such that when the frame is inserted into base the engagement of the lower edge of the frame into the channel creates a securing or locking means.

11. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verdon in view of Fell, U. S. Patent 6,412,743. Fell teaches a support base comprising an angle front and rear portion defining a vertical slot therebetween and vertical sidewalls. Although Fell does not teach the front and rear portion having semi-cylindrical form, since the applicant does not disclose that a semi-cylindrical form solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose, it appears that constructing the form of any suitable shape as taught by Fell would perform equally well.

12. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Verdon in view of Chamlian, U. S. Design Patent 335,394. Chamlian teaches a stand comprising a rearwardly angled slot with angled walls. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time

this invention was made to construct the stand taught by Verdon with the support stand taught by Chamlian or provide a means to display the frame upon a horizontal surface at an angle to increase the visibility of the picture being displayed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 12 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

13. Claims 41-45 are allowed.

Conclusion

14. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the

THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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